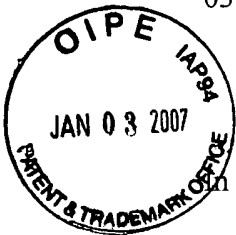


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PATENT APPLICATION



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

KAZUHIRO TAKADA

Application No.: 10/725,396

Filed: December 3, 2003

For: PROBE CARRIER, METHOD
OF PRODUCING THE PROBE
CARRIER, METHOD OF
EVALUATING THE PROBE
CARRIER AND METHOD OF
DETECTING A TARGET
NUCLEIC ACID USING THE
SAME

Examiner: Stephanie K. Mummert

Group Art Unit: 1637

January 2, 2007

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

Sir:

Applicant petitions the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated August 1, 2006 for two months from November 1, 2006, to Wednesday, January 3, 2007, the first business day following the New Year's Day/National Day of Mourning holiday.

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Submitted herewith is a check for \$450.00 to cover the fee for the extension under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17. Any deficiency in or overpayment of this fee should be charged or credited to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate copy of this petition is enclosed.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa,
California office at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to
our below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Damond E. Vadnais", is written over a horizontal line.

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